

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ORGANIZE A WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND INTERESTED CITIZENS TO DISCUSS THE DISTRICT'S LAND ACQUISITION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Recent inquiries by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) Report No. 01-00, "Special Review: Land Acquisition Practices of the Miami-Dade County School District," and the final report of the 2000 Spring Term Miami-Dade County Grand Jury have raised various concerns about current procedures governing land acquisition.

At the April 18, 2001 Board meeting, School Board Members responded individually to many of the concerns presented in these reports. While the items addressed many of the concerns, they fell short of creating a comprehensive development plan for the District.

This item requests that the Superintendent organize a workshop for Board Members and the public to discuss:

1. land acquisition policies and procedures in place at the time of the site selection process for State School "PPP", and the site selection process used for the Sandman Nursery purchase;
2. current land acquisition policies and procedures resulting from recent Board actions;
3. recommendations made in the OPPAGA report and the Grand Jury Report – Spring Term 2000;
4. the Superintendent's response to the OPPAGA report;
5. all testimony rendered to the State Legislature and OPPAGA in Tallahassee by the Superintendent and staff.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTA PEREZ: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to organize a workshop for School Board Members and interested citizens to discuss the District's land acquisition policies and procedures in compliance with the above stated intent.